

# E-HAPPENINGS

WESTERN NEVADA COLLEGE

September 16-30, 2008

## NEWS

### ***Students Celebrate with Back to School Parties***



Western students were welcomed back to campus last week by the Associated Students of Western Nevada. Student government members threw pizza parties at the Carson City and Fallon campuses, and provided information about campus activities and clubs.

### *Support Wildcats Athletics*

### ***Become a Member of the Spartan 300!***

**Information: WNC Foundation – 445-3240**

A new fund-raising group has been created to help support Wildcats athletics. WNC's "Spartan 300" is a group of faculty, staff, businesses and organizations who believe that the community college athletics experience is something worth fighting for. Each member of the Spartan 300 has pledged to donate \$100 per month for five years (total pledge \$6,000). The campaign recalls the Battle of Thermopylae and the valiant struggle of Greece's Spartan 300 against the Persian Empire, one of history's most famous last stands, and an enduring symbol of courage against overwhelming odds. Several dozen "Spartans" have already pledged their support. <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2008-08-27a.php>



## EVENTS

### ***Foundation Golf Tournament Promises Fun and Prizes***

**Friday, Sept. 19, 9 a.m.**

**Eagle Valley West Course - Carson City**

**Entry Fee: \$800 for business teams, and \$150 for individual golfers**

**To sign up, sponsor, or donate: 445-3240**

Signups have been strong for the 11<sup>th</sup> annual WNC/Greater Nevada Credit Union Golf Classic. Enjoy a continental breakfast and refreshments all day, closest to the hole prizes, tee prizes, a poker run and golf related raffle prizes. First place net and gross teams can look forward to coveted Wildcats baseball hats, season tickets and championship embroidered shirts. All proceeds benefit special projects at the college. <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2008-06-19a.php>

## ***Latino Student Club Hosts Talent Show and Dance Contest***

**Friday, Sept. 19: 6 p.m.**

**Sarah Winnemucca Hall- Carson City campus**

**WNC Students with I.D. - \$1; Adults - \$3; Children under 12 - \$2**

With comedians, dancers, magicians, jugglers and whatever other types of talent show up, an entertaining evening is promised at the Latino Student Club's first Talent Show and Dance Contest. Dance categories are reggaeton/hip hop, salsa/merengue, and cumbia/duranguense, with prizes for both dancing and talent winners. <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2008-08-29b.php>

## ***NASA Scientist to Speak – Free Star Party to Follow***

**Saturday, Sept. 20, 7 p.m. - Free Admission**

**Marlette Hall, Cedar Building – Carson City campus; Star Party to Follow at Observatory**



Western celebrates the fifth anniversary of the Jack C. Davis Observatory with a star party and free lecture by a NASA scientist. The annual Harlow Shapley Lecture is offered by the American Astronomical Society. Dr. Dana Backman will speak about how planets are formed, in a lecture and video presentation. Star viewing through the observatory's telescopes will follow. Dr. Backman is director of outreach for SOFIA, a far-infrared telescope project. The 20-ton telescope is mounted in the rear fuselage of a highly modified Boeing 747 aircraft. The telescope research is one of the major components of NASA's Science Mission Directorate.

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2008-09-03a.php>

## ***Scholarship Reception Offers Chance to Say Thanks***

**Friday, Sept. 26, 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

**Sarah Winnemucca Hall, WNC Carson City**

**Information: WNC Foundation – 445-3240**

The ninth annual WNC Foundation Scholarship Reception will celebrate the academic accomplishments of Western students who have earned scholarships during the past year. It also offers scholarship recipients a chance to meet and thank donors personally for the important help they received. Light refreshments will be served. Those attending are asked to RSVP to 445-3240 by September 19.

## **ATHLETICS**

### **Former Wildcat Jerahmie Libke Joins Baseball Staff**

Current Wildcats baseball players have a chance to learn from the best. Former Wildcats shortstop Jerahmie Libke has joined the staff as infielder coach. Libke started on WNC's inaugural baseball team in 2006 and remains the top Western player in assists per game and fielding percentage for shortstops. After Western, Libke played at Southern Utah University, later coaching at Calvary Chapel High School in Las Vegas, which won a Single A state championship. Libke is finishing his bachelor's degree in physical education at the University of Nevada, Reno.

[http://www.wnc.edu/directory/jerahmie\\_libke/](http://www.wnc.edu/directory/jerahmie_libke/)



## COLLEGE CORNER

### Jami-Sue Coleman Now a Certified Nurse Educator, Enters Ph.D Program



Talk about life-long learning! Nursing instructor Jami-Sue Coleman began her nursing career with an LPN from Western in 1981. Since then she has earned her registered nurse license, a master's in Health Services Administration, an MBA, and Certified Case Manager designation. This month, the National League for Nursing awarded her a Certified Nurse Educator designation after passing a rigorous exam. Certified Nurse Educators serve as a leader and a role model. Now, Jami-Sue has been accepted into a Ph.D. program in nursing education at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. The program is mostly online, but she will travel to Las Vegas occasionally. Congratulations to Jami-Sue for all her accomplishments!

### Anne Hansen Wins Regional Communicator's Award



Though she is quick to mention her staff whenever praise is mentioned, Anne Hansen, director of Marketing and Information Services, is unable to dodge the limelight on this occasion. Anne has been selected "Communicator of the Year" for the National Council on Marketing and Public Relations, District 6. NCMPR is the public relations arm of the American Association of Community Colleges. Over the years, Anne has served both the college and NCMPR, serving as that body's president and hosting a national conference, as well as taking on numerous committee jobs and chairmanships. Anne will also pick up an award for one of the college's publications at the conference.

### Western Nevada Police Academy Grads: The Next Generation is Here

Daniel and Meliah Gonzales met at WNC's Western Nevada State Police Academy, graduating in August 2003. Daniel proposed right after their POST graduation and they were married in July 2005. Both work in law enforcement in Carson City. Daniel is taking a criminal law class this semester to further his education, and Meliah is also busy: she gave birth to twin boys, Chase and Cruz, on August 1. Keeping it all in the family, Meliah's mother is Teri Zutter director of the college's Adult Basic Education/English as a Second Language Program. Congratulations!



### ***Donations Help!***

David Rose of Gardnerville has donated a 1982 Honda motorcycle to the automotive department. Donations such as these strengthen efforts to provide a quality education for our students, and are greatly appreciated.

## HOLD THE DATE

### **Latino Community Day**

**Saturday, Oct. 11: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

**Sarah Winnemucca Hall, Aspen Building – Carson City campus**

**Free Admission**

Second annual Latino event on campus. Students, parents and families welcome. Enjoy a free lunch, tours, class and services information, children's activities and raffle prizes. The grand raffle prize pays for a three-credit course at Western.

## **Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament**

**Thursday, Oct. 16: 6-11 p.m.**

**Peppermill Hotel Casino, Reno – Tahoe Ballroom 4<sup>th</sup> Floor**

**\$200 Entry Fee**

**Information: WNC Foundation: 445-3240**

The annual no-limit poker tournament will benefit Western's Wildcats Baseball Team.

There will be ten prizes offered, including a grand prize of a one-year membership at Red Hawk Golf Course valued at \$4,000.

## **Holiday Craft Sale**

**Thursday, Nov. 6, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

**Bristlecone Building**

**Information: Kathryn Clark Ross: 445-3260**

**Booth rental: \$25**

Start making crafts and inviting friends to Western's annual Holiday Craft Sale. Booth space rentals are available. Sponsored by the Classified Council.

## **Annual Wildcats Athletics Fund-raiser**

**Friday, Jan. 16, 2009**

**Cost: \$100 per ticket, or \$700 per table of eight**

**Information: WNC Foundation: 445-3240**

Guest speaker will be Adam Silver, deputy commissioner and chief operating officer for the National Basketball Association. Includes dinner and silent auction. Plan now to help raise funds for our baseball and softball teams!